

ent years. Another parameter that is more important is the landfill position: During the 1970s, the average error was only 30 nm. The author points out that improvement will come from a better knowledge of initial conditions and development of better parameterization schemes to represent physical processes.

This book is very valuable in anybody interested in tropical cyclones. The only major shortcoming is that it contains no presentation of the impact of satellite information on the understanding and forecasting of tropical storms.

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Numerical Solution of Partial Differential Equations in Science and Engineering

L. Lapidus and G. F. Pinder, Wiley-Interscience, New York, 677 pp., 1982, \$44.95.

Reviewed by Herbert F. Wang

The book by Lapidus and Pinder is a very comprehensive, even exhaustive, survey of the subject. The first six chapters introduce the book as a reference/text. In the first three chapters a brief introduction is given to the terminology of partial differential equations followed by a good description of the basic concepts of finite difference and finite element techniques. The final three chapters deal individually with parabolic, elliptic, and hyperbolic equations. The book is unique in that it covers equally finite difference and finite element methods. Smaller coverage is given to collocation and boundary element methods.

The book is a universal treatment of numerical methods. Discipline-oriented treatments also exist. For example, Pinder is coauthor of *Finite Element Simulation in Surface and Subsurface Hydrology*.

The authors emphasize model equations, i.e., $n_x = n_{xx} + u_{xx} + u_x = 0$, where the subscripts indicate partial derivatives, in order to discuss solution techniques, convergence, and stability. Thus, if one needs to choose between ADI, LSOR, LOD, etc., to solve one's particular problem, then here is the source to find a discussion and comparison of the techniques.

The book is written clearly enough. The text is laden with equations as might be expected. A nice feature of the book is the clear illustrations that show computational schemes or finite element basis functions. It is relatively clean of mistakes, although the running head is incorrect for twenty pages and a few typos exist. Sometimes, notation is not quite consistent or adequately explained. Some direct repetition occurs. For example, the finite difference formula for irregularly spaced grid points is given once in chapter 2 and again in chapter 5. Indirect repetition occurs

when certain developments in finite difference or finite element methodology are used in the context of different equations. The sheer tediousness of analyzing many specialized methods occasionally strikes the authors and so we find p. 417: "We could finally turn to an analysis of the SSOR, USSR, MSOR, ... methods. However, this goes beyond our durability..."

Mathematics, even what is called applied mathematics, tends to be more abstract than meets the interests or needs of the scientist or engineer. That the authors of a book on numerical solutions of partial differential equations should be in the fields of chemical engineering and hydrology, respectively, reflects the trend that the numerical methods texts are being written by those who actually carry problems through to a solution. However, this text is still an important practical step away from the solution to a problem. The finite difference or finite element theory needs to be coded into a computer program, a step that is not treated in this book or in most books of its genus.

Despite the awesome scope of the book, I feel that it could have been whittled down some. At many points the discussion becomes a summary of papers in the literature. The book could use, to coin a phrase, one more iteration. Right now the book probably serves its reference function better than its text function. The book is an especially valuable resource for its treatment of the finite element method as a numerical technique for the solution of partial differential equations.

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Thermodynamics of Minerals and Melts

R. G. Newton, A. Navrotsky, and B. J. Wood [Eds.], *Adv. in Phys. Geochem.*, vol. 1, Springer-Verlag, New York, xii + 304 pp., 1981, \$39.80.

Reviewed by Douglas Rumble

The book, *Thermodynamics of Minerals and Melts*, edited by R. C. Newton, A. Navrotsky, and B. J. Wood, is volume 1 in the series *Advances in Physical Geochemistry*, with S. K. Saxena as series editor. The volume is divided into three parts: (1) general principles, (2) thermodynamic analysis of mineral systems, and (3) the thermodynamics of melt systems. Part 1 has one paper on the derivation of J. Willard Gibbs' mathematical formulation of the combined first and second laws of thermodynamics for an open system by G. Tonelli. Part 2 covers the following topics, listed with authors: thermodynamics of devolatilization reactions (T. J. B. Holland), "lambda" transitions in minerals (A. B. Thompson and E. H. Perkins), crystal-field effects on thermodynamic properties of iron-bearing minerals (B. J. Wood), stable isotope geochemistry (R. N. Clayton), calculation of thermodynamic properties

of minerals from natural parageneses (L. L. Perchuk, K. K. Pudlesskiy, and I. V. Aranovich), thermodynamics of the garnet-plagioclase-Al₂O₃-quartz geobarometer (R. C. Newton and H. T. Haselton), and thermodynamics of diopside and enstatite solid solutions (J. D. Lindsey, T. E. Grover, and P. M. Davidson).

Part 3 contains papers on thermodynamics of molten salt mixtures (O. J. Kleppa), thermodynamics of mixing in silicate glasses and melts (A. Navrotsky), thermodynamic modeling of silicate melts (V. Bottinga, D. F. Weill, and P. Richet), calculation of silicate mineral-melt phase diagrams (C. H. Langmuir and G. N. Hanson), and volatile interactions in magmas (J. R. Holloway).

The contributions cover a very wide range of the thermodynamic principles and methods currently being used in research on minerals and melts. For nonthermodynamicians, the book will provide an exciting overview of the capabilities and potential of thermodynamics for solving geologic problems. The papers in the volume are sufficiently detailed, however, that those interested in using thermodynamics in their own research will find them useful.

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